

**CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**April 9, 2009**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**9:00 AM   Business Meeting**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Electronic Attendance**

**Recess to closed session pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the purpose of considering the employment, performance or dismissal of employees of the municipality (5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(1)).**

**Reconvene**

**PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*This portion of the City Council meeting is reserved for persons who desire to address the Council. The Illinois Open Meetings Act mandates that the City Council may NOT take action on comments received on matters that have not been identified on this agenda, but the Council may direct staff to address the topic or refer the matter for action on the agenda for another meeting. Persons addressing the Council are requested to limit their presentations to three minutes and to avoid repetitious comments.*

**Review and Discussion of 2009/2010 Budget.**

**Motion – Approve Council Decision Request 2009-955: Authorizing the Mayor and the Police Chief’s designee to apply for grant funding under the Federal COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) for full three-year funding of salaries and benefits of three replacement police officers. (Cline)**

**Adjourn**

## NEW BUSINESS:

### City of Mattoon Council Decision Request

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MEETING DATE: 04/09/09 CDR NO: 2009-955

SUBJECT: Authorize the Mayor and the Police Chief's designee to apply for grant funding under the federal COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) for full funding for salaries and benefits for 3 additional police officers for three years; grant requires NO MATCHING FUNDS

SUBMITTAL DATE: 03/31/09

SUBMITTED BY: David Griffith, Chief of Police, Mattoon Police Dept.

APPROVED FOR  
COUNCIL AGENDA: Alan Gilmore  
City Administrator

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Date

EXHIBITS (If applicable):

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	CONTINGENCY FUNDING
ESTIMATE: None	BUDGETED: None	REQUIRED: \$520,782.00

IF IT IS THE WISH OF THE COUNCIL TO SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS  
CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT, THE FOLLOWING MOTION IS SUGGESTED:

"I move that the City Council authorize the Police Chief's designee to apply for grant funding under the federal COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) for full funding for salaries and benefits for three additional police officers for three years; grant requires NO matching local funds."

SUMMARY OF THE TOPIC FOR WHICH A COUNCIL DECISION IS REQUESTED:

The federal government has recently announced the availability of grant funds under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) which, if granted, would allow the Mattoon Police Department to obtain full funding for salaries and benefits for three additional police officers for three full years. No matching local funding is required; however, the City of Mattoon would be required to maintain employment of those three officers for one full year after the close of the 3-year grant funding period.

The Mattoon Police Department anticipates that at least three officers will retire within the next two years. If this grant is awarded, it would aid the department in maintaining its authorized sworn staffing level.

Chief David Griffith recommends that the City Council grant approval for the Mattoon Police Department to apply for this possible grant funding to increase the sworn staff at this time. The only expense associated with a grant award would be that the Mattoon Police Department would have to send the new officers to the Police Training Institute which currently is \$4,277 per officer (\$12,831) assuming the next eligible candidates are NOT already certified Police Officers in the State of Illinois.